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The Governor's Address

Governor Allen delivered his annual address to the two branches of the Massachusetts Legislature at 12:30 Wednesday, Jan. 1. In his introduction he stated that it was his purpose to indicate the condition of the Commonwealth's affairs and to suggest such measures as he believed desirable and necessary in order to further the program of progress.

We give below his address condensed to about half its length:-

"Massachusetts has always been a progressive State," he said. "Its people have always faced forward. The work of government is never complete; in the past experiences of legislation and administration we have our guide for the continuing advancement of the public welfare. It is in full realization of this that we meet today."

The State's building program for 1929 was one of the most extensive in the history of the Commonwealth. Many needed facilities were made available for the State Departments of Mental Diseases, Public Health, Public Welfare, Education, and Correction. A notable item in this program is the fact that admission of patients to the new Metropolitan Hospital at Waltham, under the Department of Mental Diseases, has already begun. Upon the completion of new buildings and additions now under construction, provision will have been made for two thousand additional beds.

The State tax last year was fixed by the General Court, on my recommendation, at \$8,500,000. This is 39 percent below the maximum. There was a reduction of \$1,500,000. We closed our fiscal year on November 30 with a substantial balance in the treasury.

Special Commissions

During the past year several commissions have been active in research work and the study of special problems. These research groups were created for the purpose of gathering additional facts relating to questions which were of particular importance, and in reference to which sufficient information was not at hand. The results of their work should be of great value.

Public Welfare

The bringing of hope, opportunity, and happiness to our crippled children is one of our State's most inspiring undertakings. Every crippled child in Massachusetts is being visited by an orthopedic nurse to determine whether the existing disability can be corrected and whether the child is receiving adequate treatment and education.

Massachusetts was the first state to place children in private homes rather than public institutions, doing so as early as 1869. It maintains no orphanages. Today the State cares for 6,18 children at a yearly expenditure of more than a million dollars. Children in need of foster homes should have the best that can be found. The appropriation for this purpose will be made liberal enough to provide a sufficient number of supervising visitors to assure maintenance of our highest standards. One visitor cannot successfully supervise 150 children.

Care of the Aged and Sick

Chronic illness is the saddest and most frequent cause of poverty in old age. The problem of caring for persons suffering with chronic disease, and particularly the care of aged persons so suffering, is at once important and appealing.

The State is alive to this problem.

Cambridge, Haverhill, Brockton, Leominster, Barnstable, and Waltham have added to their respective bed capacities for the treatment of these afflicted persons. Pertinent to this problem, also, is the progress made during the year by the Department of Public Health in the early diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

Control of Tuberculosis

Tuberculosis is still the most frequent cause of death between the ages of 15 and 39. The State Department of Public Health still finds approximately 100 persons constantly waiting for admission to our four State sanatoria. The needs are being met with reasonable speed, but it is essential that the vital importance of this work shall be kept in mind in order that there may be no faltering in continuing the Commonwealth's campaign against this dread disease.

Education of the Mentally Defective

Although Massachusetts has gone farther than any other State in dealing with the problem of the mentally defective, we need to make still greater progress. The mentally defective, if trained during infancy and early childhood, can in many cases be developed to become self-supporting members of the community. Over and above the humanitarian aspect of the problem, there is the added consideration that it is short-sighted economy for us not to provide ample care for the mentally defective in childhood.

In so far as it can be done, retarded and slightly defective individuals should be trained in special classes in the public schools. Children who are receiving such training can live at home. By living at home the children enjoy more normal lives than is possible at any institution. Furthermore, families are saved the pang of separation.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Tenney of Northfield Farms announce the engagement of their daughter, Esther May to Gordon Austin Reed, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Reed of Northfield.

High School Notes

The following is the Honor Roll for the last four months.

English-Honors: Seth Field, Charlotte Lombard, Jane Wright, Beatrice Cembalista, Glenn Billings, Edna Blitsick, Myron Johnson, Kenneth Leach, Walter Pedersen, Grace Randall, Helen Szestowicki, Eunice Woodbury, Virginia Mann, Laura Martineau, Norman Miller, Evelyn Woffenden, and Mark Wright. **High Honors:** Ruth French, Polly Parker, Elizabeth Eastman, Catherine Gray, Marion Wells, Mary Brening, Mary Podlejaki, Esther Szschyka, Elsie Tenney, Josephine Wozniak, Dorothy Stone, Victor Vaughn.

Biology-Honors: Lillian Woodbury, Esther Havercraft, Elsie Tenney, Eunice Woodbury.

Bookkeeping-Stafle Wozniak, Elizabeth Eastman, Catherine Gray, Marion Wells. **High Honors: Teade Jackson, Ralph Miller.**

Chemistry-Honors: Ruth French, High Honors: Polly Parker.

Commercial Geography-Honors: Douglas Barton, Marshall Hammond.

Cooking-High Honors: Minnie Szestowicki.

French Honors: Alice Black, Elizabeth Eastman, Catherine Gray, Edna Blitsick, Evelyn Havercraft, Myron Johnson. **High Honors:** Ruth French, Polly Parker, Marion Wells, Mary Brening, Esther Havercraft, Mary Podlejaki, Grace Randall, Esther Szschyka, Helen Szestowicki, Eunice Woodbury, Josephine Wozniak.

History-Honors: Seth Field, Charlotte Lombard, Jane Wright, Irwin Cowles, Dorothy Stone, Evelyn Woffenden. **High Honors:** Ruth French, Polly Parker, William Carr.

Latin-Honors: Catherine Gray, Josephine Barton, Mary Podlejaki, Grace Randall, Josephine Wozniak. **High Honors:** Mary Brening, Esther Szschyka, Helen Szestowicki, Minnie Szestowicki, Elsie Tenney.

Problems of Democracy-Honors: Douglas Barton. **High Honors:** Teade Jackson, Elizabeth Eastman, Catherine Gray, Marion Wells.

Geometry-Honors: Gladys Glazier, Grace Randall, High Honors: Mary Brening, Mary Podlejaki, Esther Szschyka.

Algebra-Honors: Christine Gray, Norman Miller, Dorothy Stone, Evelyn Doffender. **High Honors:** Ralph Kerian, Robert Shearer, Victor Vaughn.

Science-Honors: Irwin Cowles, Laura Martineau, Norman Miller, Dorothy Stone. **High Honors:** Victor Vaughn.

Married 35 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey C. Gates of Orange, are spending a few days this week in Boston, celebrating their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary. Mr. Gates was born in Northfield and his mother, Mrs. Mary Gates, still resides in this town. Mrs. Gates who was formerly Nellie Crane, was born in East Northfield, and attended Northfield Seminary. Her mother, Mrs. Ellen Stebbins lives with her son in Springfield, but frequently visits in her apartment on Birnam road here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gates were prominent as young people in Northfield, and their wedding took place in Crane cottage. They moved to Orange, where they have lived for 31 years, during which time they have been leaders in the social and civic life of the community. For 31 years Mr. Gates has been in the dry goods business also representing this district in the State Legislature, is president of the Orange Savings Bank and a director in the Orange National Bank and Orange Cooperative Bank.

New Year's Party

The New Year's party which is annually given by the Northfield schools to the Northfield Seminary employees was held Wednesday. The turkey dinner which has been a feature of this event for several years, to the employees and their families has been discontinued as the numbers of those participating have grown so formidable. Two entertainments of moving pictures were given free at four o'clock in the afternoon and seven-thirty in the evening. The picture featured Harold Lloyd in "Welcome Danger" and it was given in Silverthorne Hall to large audiences.

Piper-Jones

The marriage of George B. Piper, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Piper of East Northfield, to Miss Elizabeth Jones of Winchester, N. H., took place on New Year's day at three o'clock in the afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, in Winchester. The bride is a graduate of the Keene Normal school and had been teaching in the Barber district school which is just over the line from Northfield, in Winchester. Mr. Piper is a native of Northfield and received his education here, including the high school. He is a painter by trade and will pursue this occupation in Winchester, where the couple will make their home. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Piper attended the wedding of their son, Wednesday afternoon.

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Local Odd Bits o' News

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore R. Hazelton of Worcester spent Sunday at the Hazelton homestead at Mt. Hermon. Mrs. Frank Maynard was successfully operated upon at Brattleboro hospital last Friday and is making a good recovery.

Miss Katherine Owen and Russell Chase of Stoneham, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dana Leavis for the week end and New Year's day.

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold a meeting in the Legion Rooms of the Town Hall, Tuesday evening, January 7, at 7:45.

The Women's Alliance met in the afternoon of January 1 at the home of Mrs. Horde. After the transaction of business there was a social hour, one pleasant feature of which was the telling by Mrs. Webster and Miss Marion Webster, of their European trip last summer.

After a very pleasant month in Lynn Haven, Miss Caroline B. Lane has gone to St. Petersburg, Fla., for the rest of the winter and is staying at The Laurette, 320 Fourth Ave., South.

The Young People's Society of the Congregational church, of which Mrs. Sophie Servais is the efficient president, gave a happy evening of events to the many young people who are home for the holidays. It was held Friday evening, Dec. 27, at the vestry and sixty young people were first served a delicious supper consisting of creamed chicken, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, fruit salad, rolls, cake and coffee. Then a program of moving pictures directed by Gordon Reed and Ray Thompson was enjoyed with readings by Charles Wood, a student of Mount Hermon school. Various games were enjoyed, the evening closing with a short business session. This was a kind thought of the home people for those who return for a season and was thoroughly appreciated.

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Wallace died Saturday, December 21, at the Melrose Hospital in West Brattleboro, Vt., at the age of 83 years, after a long and painful illness with internal cancer.

She was born in Dover, N. H., August 14, 1846, the daughter of Elisha and Julia A. Nason. In 1886 she was married to Rev. Charles Goodrich in Chelsea, Mass., who died in 1904. Five years later she became the wife of Rev. George H. Wallace, a prominent preacher of the Advent denomination. Mr. Wallace died several years ago. After his death, Mrs. Wallace became, at the opening of the Vernon Home, about nine years ago, one of the first members of the Home family, with the exception of summers, she has lived at the Home continually ever since. Mrs. Wallace was a woman of many fine qualities and was of great assistance to her husband in their Christian work.

She leaves one brother, Clinton L. Nason of Nashua, N. H., and several nieces to mourn her loss.

The funeral was held at the Vernon Home, Tuesday morning, December 24, at 10 o'clock. It was conducted by Rev. George E. Tyler, who was assisted by Rev. C. O. Farnham of Worcester, Mass., an intimate friend of the Home. The burial was at Westfield, Mass., where a service at the cemetery was conducted by Rev. George M. Teeple of that city.

Percy Sawtelle of Keene, N. H., spent Saturday at Alonso Wheeler's.

A. A. Dunklee made a recent business trip to Buffalo, New York.

Mrs. Roswell Dickinson of the Vernon Home is in very poor health.

Miriam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bolton, has been on the sick list.

Mrs. Lucy Polstead spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Armstrong in Springfield.

Mrs. R. E. Bruce is ill with the grippe and tonsillitis and under the care of Dr. Grace Burnett.

Mrs. George Hall of Brattleboro, spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Carlton Holton.

Misses Thelma Newton and Laura Crafts of Fitchburg are holiday guests at C. D. Streeter's.

Dan Haskell of New York City spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Nedette Haskell at Stowehurst.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Edson and Mrs. C. D. Streeter's.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Edson are spending the holiday vacation at their home.

The West Northfield school began Monday after a two week's vacation. The South Vernon schools will begin next Monday.

Advent Church: Sunday morning services at 10:45 with a sermon by the pastor, Rev. George E. Tyler. Sunday school at 12:05. In the evening, the church will unite with the Vernon Un-

Meeting of Fruit Growers

The Massachusetts Fruit Growers Association with its 1200 members, including a good many from other New England states, will be the largest group to meet at the Union Agriculture convention in Worcester, Jan. 8, 9, and 10. The fruit growers will open their session on the afternoon of January 8 with a program including the following speakers: Prof. W. H. Thies, Massachusetts Agricultural College; Dr. B. A. Porter, U. S. Department of Agriculture; Mr. D. B. MacCollom, Sterling; Director F. J. Slevens, Massachusetts Agricultural Experiment Station.

At six o'clock the fruit growers will have their annual dinner with a talk by Capt. G. A. Parker, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, motion pictures and an entertainment.

On the second day the fruit growers will have morning and afternoon meetings with the following speakers: Dr. W. S. Hough, Winchester, Virginia; Dr. J. R. Magness, U. S. Department of Agriculture; Mr. Fred E. Cole, Worcester County Extension Service.

The third day sessions of the fruit growers will be general in the morning with the following speakers: Prof. F. C. Sears, Massachusetts Agricultural College; Prof. J. S. Bailey, Massachusetts Agricultural College; Prof. G. F. Potter, University of New Hampshire; Mr. John Felt, Purchasing Agent, First National Stores.

In the afternoon session packing of apples to meet market requirements will be the chief topic with talks by Mr. Clarence Johnson, Johnson Brothers, Boston; Mr. John Chandler, Sterling Junction, followed by demonstrations of actual packing in various types of boxes and baskets in charge of C. H. Gould of Haydenville.

Spectacular Film

The most pretentious parade of pulpitude ever produced for the edification of picture patrons will be seen and heard at the Garden Theatre all next week when Florene Ziegfeld's "Glorifying the American Girl" comes there.

With most of its spectacle photographed by the improved Technicolor Process, this film is one of the biggest eye and ear entertainments to be projected on the screen since talking pictures became one of the staples of life.

Ziegfeld himself personally supervised the production. Mary Eaton, star of many a Ziegfeld stage show on Broadway, is the leading lady. The story shows how she, as a tank town nobody, gains success on the New York stage after many trials and heartbreaks.

There is romance, comedy and excitement in this moving tale of the great white way. Dan Healy, himself, a famous Broadway dancer, Kaye Ballard, song and dance girl of great renown, and Olive Shea, recently selected as Miss Radio of 1929 in the big New York studio show, are cast in support of Miss Eaton.

In a special revue sequence of the picture, three of the stage and screen's leading performers are seen in individual performances. They are Eddie Cantor, now starring in "Whoopie" in New York; Helen Morgan of "Show Boat" fame and Rudy Vallee, the soft-voiced crooner of radio, record and talking screen fame.

Northfield Club

The Franklin County Northfield Club will hold its winter meeting, Saturday, January 11, at the Mansion House, Greenfield. All former Seminary girls are cordially invited. Meeting and program at 11:30 o'clock. The Rev. Ellis Jones will speak.

Hinsdale, N. H.

Fred E. Robertson was with relatives in Putney, Vt., for Christmas.

A New Year's dance was held at Hinsdale Inn this week, Tuesday evening.

George Rouillard, who is employed in East Jaffrey, N. H., was here, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Finn of Whately, Mass., were Sunday guests of friends in town.

Mrs. Mary Dickerman observed her 80th birthday, Christmas day. She received 43 cards from her friends.

Miss Sybil Stearns of Providence, R. I., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis D. Stearns, several days recently.

Walter Sikoski, U. S. N., returned on Thursday, of this week, to Brooklyn, N. Y., after having spent the holidays at his home here.

There will be a dance in the Foresters' hall, this week Saturday evening. Dancing will be in order from 8 until 12 o'clock, and music will be furnished by a sychrophone.

A party of 34, including members of The Hinsdale Athletic Association, and invited guests, were served a roast turkey dinner at the Ryda Cafe, Monday evening of this week.

Jason P. Sikoski, who has been at his home here, for two weeks, returned this week, Thursday, to the University of New Hampshire, at Durham, where he is a student there, returned Tuesday.

Miss Jode Redding, sister of Mrs. Walter Crawford of this town, and who was on board the Fort Victoria, which was sunk in New York harbor as it was sailing for Bermuda, December 18, lost all her baggage. Plans were made whereby the passengers were taken on the St. George the following day. This is the third season Miss Redding has held the position of head

Twenty Years Ago

From the Northfield Press,
Jan. 7, 1910

Thermometers these days are ranging anywhere from zero to 17 degrees below.

N. D. Alexander took his last load of household goods to Dover, Vt., on Tuesday. Mrs. Alexander and the children went Wednesday. Their many Northfield friends wish them all sorts of prosperity in their new house.

January 1, was moving day for several families. A. W. Proctor vacated the north suite of rooms in the Proctor block and Will Mason moved in from the Webster Block and Miss Banks promptly moved into the rooms vacated by the Masons. The Northfield Press will vacate its quarters upstairs as soon as the presses are moved downstairs.

Building operations in Northfield were not as extensive in 1909 as in some previous years. The Seminary completed, Sage Chapel and Music Hall, gifts of Mrs. Russell Sage; A. N. Proctor enlarged and improved the Proctor block by an addition on the south; Geo. N. Kidder is erecting a seven room cottage on Parker Avenue; Frank B. Holton is improving the Martha Wright estate, and a fine set of buildings is the result; the Frank Wright house has been remodeled and two piazzas added; several new cottages have been built on Rustic Bridge and in Mountain Park; three houses have been built on Birnam road; one by Frank Spencer, one by Stone and Holton and one by Mrs. McGrath. The moving of a barn and the resulting improvements to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pitt were sufficient to attract the tax assessors attention. This year ought to see something done toward the erection of High School Building.

The dedication of the new Advent Christian Church at South Vernon took place Wednesday, December 29. The weather favored a large attendance at both the morning and evening services. The church building is free of debt and pledges amounting to \$2150 towards the cost of a parsonage have been received. Both church and parsonage are conveniently situated with approaches from the north and south. The interior appointments are first class in quality and utility, including hard wood floors and trimmings. Light, both inside and outside, will be provided by acetylene gas. The regular order of worship was initiated last Sunday when the pastor Rev. A. E. Phelps preached at 10:30 and at 7:30. The choir under the leadership of L. R. Brown was composed of A. A. Dunklee, Mr. Stark, Miss Martineau and Miss March, with Mrs. Brooks as organist.

Praised and Rewarded

Our young townsmen, Kenneth Black, has received from the acting President of the Boston and Maine Railroad a letter of appreciation accompanied by a valuable gold watch and chain. Mr. Black was one of two young men whose quick action prevented a possible accident of a very serious nature to the fast passenger train known as the Montrealer. The letter sent to him is self explanatory and reads as follows:

Boston, Dec. 27, 1929

Dear Mr. Black:
In the early morning of October 20th last, an automobile plunged through the overhead bridge in Northfield Street, Bernardston, and dropped onto our tracks. You and another young man, whose identity is still unknown to us, with commendable presence of mind ran down the tracks and with a flashlight signalled the engineer of train 733 then approaching the spot. By your prompt action the engineer was enabled to bring his train to a stop before striking the obstruction, thus preventing what might have been a serious derailment.

The Boston and Maine Railroad is very grateful for such service, and as a mark of appreciation it gives me great pleasure to present you here-with this watch and chain.

Yours very truly,
THOMAS N. PERKINS,
Acting President.

Merry Christmas

Almost a Christmas present, Rev. and Mrs. John S. Marsh, missionaries under the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in Mt. Silinda, Rhodesia, Africa, report by cable, the birth on December 21 of a son. Mr. Marsh is the son of Mrs. Lillian Marsh of East Northfield.

His wife, Dorothy Louise Van Wie, is the daughter of Rev. Frank Van Wie of Burdett, New York. She was born in Meriden, New York. Mr. Marsh is a Yale University man and a graduate of Hartford Theological Seminary. The Marshes have one other child, a daughter. Mr. Marsh is supported in his work by the Naugatuck, Conn., Congregational Church, Rev. Edward R. Harte pastor. Both the father and grandfather of Mr. Marsh were missionaries.

House Burned in Gill

A cottage owned by P. W. Eddy at Gill and occupied by Kenneth Day and family was burned to the ground last Sunday morning involving a loss of \$2,000. It was caused by an explosion of gasoline while filling the tank of a gasoline stove. Mr. Day was burned about the hands and face. No one else was injured and the most of the contents of the cottage were recovered. The Turners Falls Fire Department answered the alarm but could not get near enough to save the property.

Patent Granted

Henry A. Johnson has recently received a patent, No. 386,214, on a Buoyant Bathing Device. His invention is practical and valuable and when used by children or by any one unable to swim it insures safety without taking away any of the pleasure of bathing.

Personal Mention

Mrs. Carrie L. Mason was called to Manchester, N. H., last week by the serious illness of an aunt.

Mrs. Frank Evans returned from Parson hospital last week, Thursday, and is making a remarkable recovery.

A. P. Pitt returned from Wayne, Pa., the middle of this week and plans to be here for the remainder of the winter.

Virginia and Donald Rogers of Cambridge, are visiting this week, their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Frary.

Dr. W. G. Webber has had a few days vacation while the Northfield Schools were closed and spent it in Boston and vicinity.

Several have received cards and photos from Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Robbins from Lemon Grove a suburb of San Diego, Cal., which tell us of their excellent health and enjoyment of California life.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moody and daughter, Miss Beatrice, left on Monday, for Chicago, where Mr. Moody has an engagement for the winter. Mr. Pitt will occupy their home while they are away.

Highways for 1930

With every indication that Congress will increase Federal-aid appropriations to stimulate road-building throughout the country, expenditures for highway and street construction and maintenance in 1930 will exceed two and a half billion dollars and furnish employment for 625,000 people.

This statement was issued by Thomas P. Henry, president of the American Automobile Association, who pointed out the tremendous influence this vast program will have in justifying the billions of dollars to be spent in other channels next year.

"But large as this program appears," Mr. Henry added, "it must not be assumed that it measures up to the road-building needs of the nation today."

Mr. Henry's estimate of road and street expenditures for 1930 is based on a survey of expenditures for 1928 and 1929, and reports from affiliated A. A. A. motor clubs and highway authorities throughout the country.

"The nation's highway bill in 1928 he said, "totalled \$1,659,691,990, and preliminary estimates for 1929 place the amount at well over \$1,800,000,000.

"And additional \$50,000,000 in Federal-aid appropriations, to be matched with a similar amount by the States, together with the speeding up of construction generally as pledged to President Hoover by state executives, will easily mean an increase of \$200,000,000 in road expenditure next year.

"To this must be added approximately \$500,000,000 a year spent by municipalities for construction and maintenance of streets. This amount will in all probability be exceeded in 1930.

"It is estimated that every \$4,000 spent in the construction and maintenance of streets and highways is equivalent to the wages and materials used by one worker. On this basis the anticipated two and a half billion dollar program in 1930 would mean the employment of 635,000 men. Of this number approximately 100,000 represent highway officials, contractors and engineers, the remainder constituting the highway labor army."

While urging the States and communities to do everything possible to enlarge their road appropriations for 1930, Mr. Henry declared that this is a good time for cities to launch their programs for street widening and the acquisition of the necessary rights-of-way.

"There is hardly a large city in the United States," he said, "the development and future prosperity of which hinge on the securing of rights-of-way for the construction of wider streets, belt-roads and super-highways through metropolitan areas. Only a handful of cities have developed a real program. Here is an acute problem to which capital can be diverted, as a permanent investment in efficient transportation, growth and prosperity." He continued:

"It has been shown in the past that Federal-aid has encouraged highway building by the States, and also that the resultant increase in travel has stimulated municipalities to take steps to speed up needed street improvements.

"Federal projects, however, cannot proceed as rapidly as they have in the past few years unless Congress increases the annual appropriation. The principal reason for this is the fact that an accumulation of unexpected balances of earlier years, which allowed a pace in excess of what would ordinarily be possible under the \$75,000,000 allotted each year, has now been absorbed. It is significant that the mileage of improvement completed during the fiscal year 1929 was smaller during the fiscal year 1929 was smaller than in previous years."

The appointment of J. W. Smith, general manager of the Boston & Maine railroad, as vice-president and general manager, was announced today by Acting President Thomas Nelson Perkins. Mr. Smith's appointment, effective Jan. 1, carries with it jurisdiction over the transportation and mechanical department of the railroad.

As general manager, he has been in charge of the transportation forces for the past two years, after coming to New England from the Middle West, where he served under the late president George Hannauer as general manager of the Indiana Harbor Belt railroad. Within this two years the Boston & Maine has shown further substantial improvement in service to its patrons and in efficiency of operation.

General Manager Smith, who is 50 years of age, is himself the son of a railroad track supervisor. He grew up on the railroads of the Middle West advancing from his first job as brakeman on the "Clover Leaf" road through the various positions that and other lines to become travelling yardmaster of the Indiana Harbor Belt railroad in 1910. Thence he gained promotion successively as general yardmaster, superintendent and general superintendent and general manager before coming to the Boston & Maine on August 16, 1927, as assistant to the president.

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conducting mental examinations of feeble-minded and delinquent children, with the view of taking early steps toward correction of these defects.

Adult Insane

Care of the adult insane continues to be our most serious institutional problem. The Commonwealth expends annually through its Department of Mental Diseases more than ten million dollars. This represents about 8 per cent of the total State expenditures for the year. To meet the annual demand for treatment, the Department of Mental Diseases estimates that 400 additional beds should be provided each year for the next five-year period. There is also need for a research center, organized and conducted in accord with the advanced methods of mental hygiene; I shall ask for further appropriations to enlarge this important work.

Safety on the Highways

The number of victims of motor vehicles on the highways continues to increase. The situation is grave. No civilized community can find an excuse for the continuance of these tragedies.

We in this State have faced this problem and sought to solve it.

During the fiscal year 1928, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles suspended or revoked 53,133 drivers' licenses. The corresponding number in 1928 was 40,814. There has been continuous pressure against reckless drivers. Each year has seen new legislation to promote highway safety.

The only measure of satisfaction we can find is in the fact that the number of fatalities from motor vehicle accidents increased in 1928 in less proportion than the increase of motor vehicles registered. The number of registrations increased 14.8 per cent. The number of fatalities increased 8.3 per cent. During the fiscal year 1929, one person was killed for every 1,322 motor vehicles registered. The ratio in 1928 was one person killed for every 1,248 registrations. The 1927 ratio was 1 to 1,195. Going back to 1920, there was one fatality to every 664 registrations, and going still further back to 1914 the ratio was 1 to every 372 cars. Thus, had the 1914 death rate prevailed in 1929 there would have been three and one-half times as many such deaths on the highways as actually occurred.

Nevertheless, we face the fact that during 1929, 775 persons were killed on the highways of our State. Considerations of ratio cannot restore those lives. Satisfaction in a reduction of the proportion of fatalities to cars registered does not excuse the continued record of these deaths.

We have done much to improve the laws regarding highway safety and to make the enforcement of these laws more effective. We can, and shall, continue this work of strengthening the laws. It remains the vital fact, however, that laws and the activity of enforcement agencies cannot solve this problem without the earnest and active co-operation of all persons—pedestrians and operators of motor vehicles alike.

Crime will be subdued when public opinion demands quick apprehension and punishment of offenders; instead of sanctioning the passage of a "new law" which in each instance restricts the rights and liberties of law-abiding citizens on the theory that the criminal will be affected thereby. What a farce! Crime flourishes under such a system and the innocent suffer.

Continue this system to its logical conclusion and the only man who would have any freedom of action would be the law-breaker.

Every citizen would do well to remember Warden Lawes' statement, "Every society has the criminals that it deserves."

Answers to "How Much Do You Know?"

1. A mild form of red pepper.
2. Father on the second syllable or the first.
3. Rhode Island.
4. An animal of the order Reptilia that lives on the land.
5. Mount Sinai.
6. I have found it.
7. A musical instrument of the woodwind family.
8. China.
9. He was whipped to death.
10. Korean.
11. The Island of St. Helena.
12. Vermont.

Test While You Rest

Test while you rest, or in other words don't wait until you are ready to plant your seed, is a slogan which the state seed laboratory at the Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst, is advocating for farmers.

"This plan is necessary," says O. W. Kelly, analyst in the seed laboratory, "if we are to give service to all farmers and seed houses who send in requests for germination tests. Five more 28 days, and in some cases more, are required to germinate seeds.

"From February 1 through May the seed laboratory is swamped with orders and, since we have only 24 hours in a day and since we cannot have all the help we need, some one is bound to be disappointed. At this period of the year things are not so rushing and prompt attention can be given to most orders."

"Sampled," says Mr. Kelly, "should consist of at least two ounces of seed and should be mailed now to the State Seed Laboratory, Amherst, Mass.

We Deserve our Criminals

"Every society has the criminals that it deserves," says Lewis E. Lawes, Warden of Sing Sing penitentiary, and one of America's greatest authorities on crime.

This is a profound truth. Crime waxes or wanes in direct ratio to the attitude of society. The callous attitude of most Americans toward our growing criminality is responsible for the present strength and prosperity of the underworld.

We have allowed our criminal law to reach a point of impotence where it is mainly a display of technicalities and legal pyrotechnics. We have allowed reformers to create sickly sentiment for the most hardened law-breakers. And we are now paying the price.

Crime will be subdued when public opinion demands quick apprehension and punishment of offenders; instead of sanctioning the passage of a "new law" which in each instance restricts the rights and liberties of law-abiding citizens on the theory that the criminal will be affected thereby. What a farce! Crime flourishes under such a system and the innocent suffer.

Continue this system to its logical conclusion and the only man who would have any freedom of action would be the law-breaker.

Every citizen would do well to remember Warden Lawes' statement, "Every society has the criminals that it deserves."

Pageant of Shawls

The next Fornightly meeting takes the form of a "Pageant of Shawls," at the Town Hall, Jan. 9th at 3 o'clock instead of Jan. 10th as given in the year book. This is directed by Mrs. Clifton Johnson of Hadley, with a town committee of which Mrs. Frank Montague is chairman. Each member is privileged to invite two guests.

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that the subscribers have been duly appointed executors of the will of Francis Schell, late of New York in the State of New York, deceased, testate, leaving estate in the County of Franklin and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and have taken upon themselves that trust by giving bonds as the law directs, and have appointed as their agent in Massachusetts, Ambert G. Moody of East Northfield, Mass.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to MARY STEWART SCHELL, NICHOLAS P. RYDER, Executors.

Address: 21 East 62nd St., 5493 Fieldston Road, Riverdale, October 15th, 1929.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

FRANKLIN, SS. PROBATE COURT.

Case 23752

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Mary M. Holton, late of Northfield, in said County, deceased.

WHEREAS, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, has been presented to said Court for probate, by Lucy Holton Folsted, of said Northfield, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executors therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Greenfield, in said County of Franklin, on the third Tuesday of January A. D. 1930, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Northfield Press, a newspaper published in said Northfield, the last publication to be one day at least before Court, and by mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days before said Court.

Witness, FRANCIS NIMM THOMPSON, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twenty-sixth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine.

JOHN C. LEE, Register

Usual Engine Knock

Driver of Old Car (after roadside halt)—You don't notice that knock in the engine so much now, do you?

Friend—No. How did you fix it?

Driver—Oh, I just loosened one of the mudguards.

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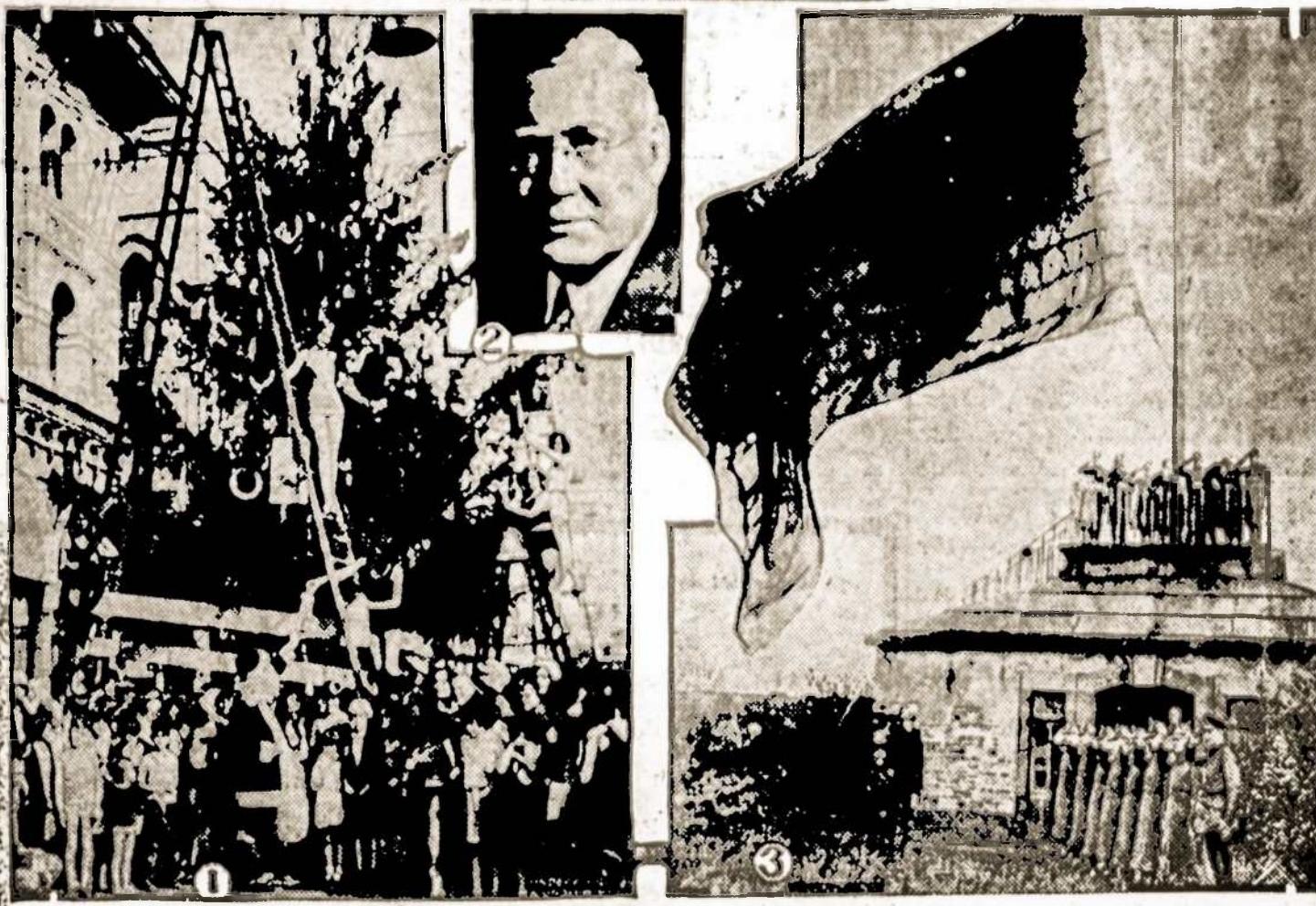
At the Neolithic Cabaret

Mr. Skinpants—Hey! Leggo or I'll hand you one.

The Doorman—You gotta check that stonebat at the door. This is a first-class cabaret, not a matrimonial agency.

CIRCULATING AGAIN





1—Bathing beauties decorating municipal Christmas tree in Venice, Calif., where it is sunny and snowless. 2—New portrait of Joseph R. Grundy, appointed senator from Pennsylvania. 3—German troops saluting the flag of the Reich as it rises over Ehrenbreitstein fortress after the departure of the French troops of occupation.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Senate Approves Tax Reduction and French War Debt Settlement

By EDWARD W. PJICKARD

WITH the tax cut bill passed by both house and senate and the Mellon-Berenger agreement for the funding of the French debt ratified by the upper house, congress quit work on Saturday and went home to celebrate Christmas and New Year's.

Fourteen senators, most of them classed as radicals, voted against the tax reduction measure but 63 were recorded in its favor, and it was promptly signed by President Hoover. The act, whose terms are already quite generally known, remains in effect only one year, but it is presumed that congress a year hence will provide for another reduction if tax revenues continue at the present high level.

The vote on the ratification of the French debt settlement was 52 to 21. Senator Howell of Nebraska, Republican, led the opposition on behalf of the radical group, which consistently fights about everything the administration seeks to accomplish. Howell contended that the effect of the settlement was to cancel the entire principal of the debt. His theory was that the payments over a period of 62 years represent merely interest at a rate of 2.17 per cent.

The French indebtedness, which was funded at a total of \$4,025,000,000, not only was one of the largest of any of the debts but is the last to be disposed of except those of Russia and Armenia, which are at present listed in the hopeless class. The principal and accrued interest at the time of the funding of the debts totaled approximately \$11,500,000,000.

Unless the entire debt question is reopened at some future time the controversy is now officially closed. There is an impression that if the American public debt continues to be retired at its present rate and is entirely wiped out within the next 17 or 18 years an agitation will immediately develop for a cancellation of all foreign debts which remain outstanding at that time.

PROSPECTS for the naval limitation conference in London in January are not quite so rosy as they were. In the first place the Japanese delegates, who have been entertained in Washington on their way to England, revealed that their program differs sharply from that of the United States in the matters of cruisers and submarines. The Japanese are still asking a 10-7 ratio for all auxiliary craft, including the big gun cruisers, though it is hoped they will modify their demands slightly in order to gain their point concerning submarines. They wish to retain 78,000 tons of underwater craft now in their fleet or under construction. As the United States is anxious to sharply reduce her submarine tonnage and there are some indications the cruiser demands by Japan may be modified, the Japanese submarine proposal now furnishes the chief obstacle to an accord between the two powers.

American naval officials, especially, are opposed to permitting Japan such a large submarine force. One big reason for the navy's opposition lies in the fact that possession of a big submarine navy, together with numerous naval bases, would give Japan control of the Asiatic trade routes over which the United States must transport its supplies of tin and rubber, raw materials not produced in sufficient quantities in this country, but absolutely essential to the prosecution of a successful war.

Over in Paris the chamber of deputies' commission on foreign affairs and naval matters, sitting jointly, approved the government's viewpoint that all results of the London conference must be considered tentative and must be submitted to the League of Nations' disarmament commission for consideration of their possible incor-

poration into a general disarmament program. Foreign Minister Briand explained to the commissions that France had accepted the theory of limitation on the basis of global tonnage instead of categories; that she demanded the right to devote as high a percentage of her global allotment as she wished to submarines, and that she insists that each power tell the others just what types of vessels it is using in its tonnage. Premier Tardieu and his delegation, it is believed, will demand a full 800,000 tons for the French fleet, which figure is thought too high by both Great Britain and Italy. There is reason to believe, however, that France and Italy have made progress in reconciling their viewpoints.

A correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph says the American delegates have prepared a series of charts, graphs and data that actually demonstrate that the British navy not only is not superior in strength to the American, but is really greatly inferior. The correspondent understands that these revelations have "deeply impressed the members of President Hoover's cabinet and other American statesmen who previously had accepted the view, carefully fostered by propaganda, that the American navy is below the treaty strength and badly outclassed by the British navy. It is an ironical circumstance that this disclosure should have emerged from the work of American naval officers who were, of course, anxious to make out the case for a larger ship building program."

JAPAN is deeply concerned over the new situation in Manchuria, and statesmen the world over see in it the possibilities of another big war in the Far East. Mongols in the Barga district have seized control and declared Barga independent of China, and the young Mongol party in Hailar is reported to have organized an independent government, installing an official emissary from Urga, the capital of outer Mongolia. These movements are believed to be inspired and supported actively by the Soviet Russian government, and if they are successful they will bring the Soviet zone several miles inside the present Chinese-Russian frontier. Dispatches from Harbin said Japan had lodged a verbal protest against the Soviet activities with the Russian ambassador to Tokyo.

PRESIDENT HOOVER'S request for authority to send a commission to investigate affairs in Haiti was approved by the house of representatives. The debate provided an opportunity for Oscar De Priest, colored representative from Chicago, to make his maiden speech, in support of the proposition. He took occasion to give the Southern Democrats some shrewd digs that made the Republicans laugh. One opponent of the opposition was Representative Huddleston of Alabama, who recently declined to serve on a house committee because De Priest had been appointed one of its members.

Seven Haitian political organizations have asked the United States to supervise the island's presidential election in April, 1930. Their petition is considered the climax of a campaign of the anti-Borno factions which hope to effect the withdrawal of American marines before the expiration of the treaty in 1934, under which the United States took over the safeguarding of the republic.

Under the terms of a decree recommended to the Supreme Court of the United States by Charles Evans Hughes, special master, the Chicago sanitary district would be required to complete a \$176,000,000 sewage treatment program within the next nine years. Meanwhile there would be successive reductions in the diversion of water from Lake Michigan at Chicago from 8,500 cubic feet per second to 6,500, 5,000 and finally, on completion of the sewage treatment works, to 1,500 feet per second, which Mr. Hughes holds is all that is required for navigation purposes in the Chicago river.

The figures given are exclusive of pumping for domestic purposes. The proposed decree is of interest to the entire Great Lakes region, and the Mississippi valley.

In the light of the adverse decision of the Supreme court of last January, which held that there is no legal basis for diversion of water beyond the comparatively small amount necessary for navigation in the Chicago river, the Hughes report was regarded as being about as favorable to Chicago as could have been expected.

Mr. Hughes made it clear that it is within the power of congress to provide for a greater diversion for navigation purposes. It appeared evident that if congress approves the Illinois state waterway as a federal project the way will be opened for a sufficient diversion of water to maintain navigation in a nine foot channel from Chicago to the Mississippi.

TWO members of the British royal air force, Squadron Commander Jones-Williams and Flight Lieutenant Jenkins, started on a 6,000 mile non-stop flight from England to Cape town, but crashed and were killed on a mountain side 30 miles southeast of Tunis. They had run into a severe storm and supposedly lost their way. More fortunate were Maj. Tadeo Larre-Borges of Uruguay and Lieut. Leon Challe of France, though they, too, failed in accomplishing what they set out to do. They took off from Seville, Spain, hoping to fly without stop to Montevideo, but, having crossed the ocean safely, they lost their bearings in the dark and made a forced landing in a Brazilian forest. Their plane was smashed and both men were injured slightly.

ONE of the worst mine disasters of the year occurred at McAlester, Okla. An explosion in the Old Town coal mine trapped 59 men, and not one of them escaped death. Seven others who were on upper levels got out alive. Rescue teams penetrated with great effort to the lower levels, which were filled with gas, and there found the bodies of the victims, many of them charred by the blast. The majority had died swiftly of gas suffocation.

CONSIDERABLE relief was assured disabled veterans of the World war when the senate unanimously passed the veterans' hospitalization bill which had previously been put through the house. The measure carries a total appropriation of \$15,950,000.

World war veterans and dependents of deceased veterans who have not filed applications for federal compensation are warned by officials of the veterans' bureau that they must do so not later than January 2.

PRESIDENT HOOVER appointed Joseph B. Eastman of Boston, a Democrat, and Robert M. Jones of Knoxville, Tenn., a Republican, members of the Interstate Commerce commission for terms of seven years beginning January 1. Eastman has been a member of the commission for more than ten years representing the New England section. Jones, who is chancellor of the Eleventh Judicial district in Tennessee, will succeed Richard V. Taylor of Mobile, Ala., appointed three years ago by President Coolidge to fill out an unexpired term.

DWIGHT W. MORROW, ambassador to Mexico and delegate to the naval conference, has formally announced his acceptance of the appointment as senator from New Jersey upon the resignation of Senator Baird. He will assume his new duties as soon as his work in connection with the London parley is completed. Baird was given the place when Edge resigned to be ambassador to France, with the understanding that he would step aside for Morrow.

S. P. McNAUGHT, who has been engaged in prohibition work in Iowa, was elected superintendent of the Indiana Anti-Saloon league to succeed the late E. S. Shumaker. He was the choice of F. Scott McBride, the national superintendent of the league, as other candidates retired from competition.

In the process of drying up the National Capital George L. Cassidy, known as "the man with the green hat" and reputed to be the bootlegger to United States senators, has been indicted under the Jones act.

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NORTHFIELD, MASS., FRIDAY, JAN. 3, 1930

Right Thinking and Quick Action

On our front page there is a brief account of the quick action in a time of danger by two young men, one of whom is modestly concealing his identity. The other, to our disappointment probably would have been just as modest if he had not been discovered. An automobile on a railroad track at midnight, whether occupied or not, is a serious menace to a passenger train—especially if it is the fast Montrealer of the Boston and Maine. Kenneth Black and his companion were quick to foresee disaster and to prevent it by flagging the train with a flashlight. The acting president was prompt in expressing the company's appreciation of such a service. It's a good story—one that turned out happily and adds one more illustration of the need of quick thinking, followed of course by right action. Scarcely a day passes without its failures on the part of many of us to think right. At night we say "Well, I might have done better if I had used my thinker." Perhaps no great crisis was upon us, and yet large results often grow from small origins. A coal miner left a bit of candle lighted on a ledge in the mine. "Better put it out," said his companion. "It will go out of itself in a little while" was the answer, and they left the mine. From that tiny flame left by a man who thought wrong—or very likely not at all, one of the largest coal mines in the country was set on fire and has been burning for 15 years. All efforts to put it out have failed. Right thinking and quick action, or wrong thinking and disaster. Which?

Highway Safety

Section 4. (Driver to give way to overtaking vehicle.)

The driver of a vehicle when about to be overtaken and passed by another vehicle approaching from the rear shall give way to the right when practicable in favor of the overtaking vehicle, on suitable and audible signal being given by the driver of the overtaking vehicle, and shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

Section 5. (Following too closely.)

(a) The driver of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard to the speed of such vehicles and the traffic upon and conditions of the highway.

(b) The driver of any motor truck, bus, or horse drawn vehicle when travelling outside of a business or residential district shall not follow another such vehicle within two hundred feet, but this shall not be construed to prevent a faster moving truck, bus or horse drawn vehicle overtaking and passing another vehicle.

Section 6. (Turning at intersections.)

The driver of a vehicle intending to turn to the right at an intersection shall approach such intersection in the lane for traffic nearest to the right side of the highway, and in turning shall keep as closely as practicable to the right curb or edge of the highway; and, when intending to turn to the left, shall approach and enter such intersection in the lane for traffic to the right of and nearest to the center line of the highway, and at the point of leaving shall drive said vehicle to the right of the center line of the highway being entered.

Section 7. (Signals on starting, stopping or turning.)

(a) The driver of any vehicle before starting, stopping or turning from a direct line shall first see that such movement can be made in safety, and if any pedestrian may be affected by such movement, shall give a clearly audible signal by sounding the horn, and whenever the operation of any other vehicle may be affected by such movement, shall give a signal, as required in this section, plainly visible to the driver of such other vehicle, of the intention to make such movement.

(b) The signal herein required shall be given a sufficient time in advance of the movement indicated to give ample warning to any person who may be affected by said movement, and shall be given either by means of the hand and arm in the manner herein specified, or by a suitable mechanical or electrical device, except that when a vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent the hand and arm signal from being made or from being visible both to the front and rear, the signal shall be given by a suitable notice.

(c) Hand and arm signals, as required herein, shall be made as follows:

- (1) An intention to stop shall be indicated by extending the arm horizontally to the left of and beyond the side of the vehicle.
- (2) An intention to turn to the left shall be indicated by extending the arm horizontally to the left of and beyond the side of the vehicle, and by pointing to the left with the index finger.
- (3) An intention to turn to the right shall be indicated by extending the arm horizontally to the left of and beyond the side of the vehicle, and by moving the hand in a circle.

Your 1930 Income Tax

Important changes made by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue provide that information returns must be filed hereafter in the office of Thomas W. White, Collector of Internal Revenue, and on or before February 15, in most cases, which is one month earlier than heretofore.

Taxpayers liable for filing information returns, Forms 1099 and 1096 with the Federal Government, are required to file same on or before February 15, 1930, in the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue, except corporations paying dividends in the form of a distribution from depletion or depreciation reserve.

Section 148 of the Revenue Act of 1928 requires all persons in whatever capacity acting, including lessees or mortgagors of real or personal property, fiduciaries, and employers, making payment to another person, of interest, rent, salaries, wages premiums, annuities, compensations, emoluments, or other fixed or determinable gains, profits, and income (other than dividends) of \$1,500 or more in any taxable year to render true and accurate return under such regulations and in such form and manner as may be prescribed by the Commissioner. The return in each case is made on Form 1099, and these are accompanied by 1096 must indicate the name, street and number, where the recipient lives. All persons making payment to another person of fixed or determinable income of \$1,500 or more in any calendar year must render a return for such year on or before February 15th of the following year to the Collector of Internal Revenue for the payor's district.

The blanks covering the above, together with a copy of Treasury Decision No. 4278, can now be procured from the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue, at 22 Pearl Street, Boston, Mass.

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Why the Dead Sea Is Salty

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(G. 1930. Western: Newspaper Union.)

PLENTY'A REASON

"Why are you so opposed to my marrying Jim?" demanded daughter indignantly.

"In the first place," declared her dad, "you are not strong enough to take in washing and you don't know anything about keeping boarders, and, in the second place, my salary isn't large enough to stand another lazy son in the family."

Never Corrects Error

Reader (rushing into the newspaper office)—See here, you've published an announcement of my death by mistake. That's got to be fixed up somehow.

Editor—Well, we never contradict anything we have published, but I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll put you in the birth column tomorrow and give you a fresh start.

Fair Enough All 'Round

"What did you promise the delegates that just called on you?"

"Everything they asked," answered Senator Sorghum. "And when votes were mentioned, they promised everything I asked. Then we all retired to think it over, leaving everything looking like a stand-off."—Washington Star.

Face and Reverse

Mrs. Plainmug—Is my gown cut too low in the back? I can just feel that those men behind us are just staring at me.

Her Husband—Aw, turn around and show 'em your face and they'll quit staring.

The Goods on Him

Her Husband—What's the thing hanging to my coat hing?

Mrs. Sherlock—That's the transmitter of a wireless dictaphone that I sewed in there before you went out. I know all, John Henry, so you might as well start your confession now.

Getting On

Mrs. Plainsmith—Have the De Styles recognized you yet?

Mrs. Newgilt—Not yet, but Mrs. De Style stopped on the street to admire my dog.

NO DATES



He—I'd like to see the boss.
She—Gimme your name and address.
He—No thanks. I'm married. It's the boss I want to see.

Grows That Way
"Why is it that a red-headed woman always marries a very meek man?"
"She doesn't. He just gets that way."

Made Her Face Long

Mrs. Blabface—That new hat makes your face look short.

Mrs. Styles—That's strange. It made my husband's face look long.

Evidence

"You'd never think this street used to be a cow path, would you?"

"Oh, I don't know; look at all the calves on it."

A Puzzler

Here was son again asking for another check! Every month he spent at college was costing father more.

"I had no idea," father said sternly, as he reached for his checkbook, "than an education cost so much."

"Oh, it's terribly high, father," was the reply. "And you know I'm one of those that studied the least!"

Early Tutton

"Do you think a successful politician must spend many years in getting an education?"

"All depends," said Senator Borghum, "on what kind of politics he gets into. I know of underworld workers who appear to have learned more in jail than they learned in school."—Washington Star.

How He Knew

"You know, dad, he always said he'd never marry until the right girl came along."

"Well, how does he know you are the right one?"

"Oh, I told him I was."

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Catsup, Large bottle	21c
Onions, Sound Medium Size 7 lbs.	25c
Solshine Metal Polish, can,..	19c
Ralston Breakfast Food, pkg. 23c	
Flour, Pillsbury's Best 1-8 bbl	\$1.14
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Railroad Time Table

The following is the time of trains on new schedule taking effect at 12:01, Sunday, Sept. 29, 1930.

DAILY:	NORTH BOUND
Arrives 11:29 a. m.	5:50 p. m.
SOUTH BOUND	
Arrives 9:26 a. m.	4:37 p. m.
SUNDAYS:	
NORTH BOUND	
Arrives 9:12 a. m.	5:15 p. m.
SOUTH BOUND	
Arrives 8:28 a. m.	4:37 p. m.
U. S. POST OFFICE	
MAILS CLOSE:	
FOR THE NORTH	
11:10 a. m.	5:30 p. m.
FOR THE SOUTH	
8:05 a. m.	4:15 p. m.
NEW BUS SERVICE	
Bus service between Brattleboro and Northampton, week days, is as follows:	
DAILY:	
SOUTH BOUND	
7:20 a. m.	1:40 p. m.
NORTH BOUND	
11:20 a. m.	1:50 p. m.
SOUTH BOUND	
12:20 p. m.	6:40 p. m.

Hinsdale, N. H.

Mrs. Frank M. Tillinghast has been ill, for several days.

Miss Ellen Watson is visiting relatives in Charleston, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Leonard were in Conway, Mass., for Christmas.

Miss Mildred Hanrahan spent Christmas in Framingham, Mass.

Walter Kimball of Boston, is spending the holidays at his home here.

Charles Yobst of Turners Falls, Mass., is working at Streetcar's Garage.

Miss Eva M. Fortier, R. N., and sister, Miss Alma Fortier, spent Christmas in Keene.

Miss Dorothy Y. White of New York city, has been at her home here, for several days.

Charles E. Keyon is ill, in his Main street home, and is under the care of a trained nurse.

Robert Woodard of Bristol, Conn., visited at his home here, from Tuesday until Friday.

Mrs. Ruth DeForest of Greenfield, Mass., has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Barrett.

Roger and Francis Hart are with their aunt, Miss Minnie Maginnis, for the holiday vacation.

The officers of Naomi chapter, No. 36, O. E. S., will be installed January 6th at 6:30 o'clock.

Mrs. William H. Booth entertained the A Club in her home this week Wednesday evening.

Mrs. E. C. Burbank of Wollaston, Mass., was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Booth.

Miss Vinie Tilden, who had been in Barre, Vt., for several weeks, has returned to her home here.

Miss Helen Shenski of Hanover, N. H., recently visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shenski.

William, Jr., and Joyce Starkey, children of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Starkey, have been quite ill.

Robert C. Dickerman of Nashua, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dickerman.

Mrs. A. J. Tewksbury of Littleton, N. H., was a Christmas guest of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus M. Langworthy.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Spitzberger of Bellows Falls, Vt., were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence D. Fay.

Miss Esther Smith of Boston, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Smith, for several days.

Miss Alice L. Jeffords of Franklin, N. H., was a guest of her mother, Mrs. Helen Jeffords, from Tuesday until Saturday.

Miss Eldora Drury of Dummerston, Vt., has come to the home of her father, Chester F. Drury, for an indefinite stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Meany, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kelkey, and Mrs. John Deyo, all of Dalton, Mass., were Xmas guests of relatives, in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Jason W. Holman of Brookfield, Mass., were with Mr. and Mrs. Warren D. Holman and Mr. and Mrs. William E. Watson, for Christmas.

Percy C. Stewart of Charlestown, N. H., spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor of Harrisville, N. H., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Maginnis.

The annual concert and ball under the auspices of the Hinsdale fire department, will be held in the town hall, Friday evening, January 17, 1930. Music will be furnished by Williamson's orchestra.

A daughter, Barbara Louise, was born, December 24, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Torrey of West Brattleboro, Vt., granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Barrett of this town, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Torrey of West Brattleboro.

Those from here who attended the Camp Takodah reunion, held in Keene and Marlboro, last Friday and Saturday, were: Roland O'Neal, and the Misses Rose Helen and Eleanor Jeffords, Miriam and Ardis Taylor, and Barbara Garfield.

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NOT THE DISPLAY

"The men must notice she displays very poor sense in the way she dresses."

"But it isn't her display of poor sense the men notice, my dear."

No Reciprocity

I tried to laugh at trouble. But met the same old rumor, That Old Man Trouble never has The slightest sense of humor.

Underworld Battle

"I shall call the police!" exclaimed the burglar.

"That's what I meant to do," said the woman whose jewels were in jeopardy. "What hope have you, if the police arrive?"

"I shall accuse you of attacking me and trying to take possession of my hard-won loot from previous jobs of the evening."

From the Back Seat

"I wish you would quit driving from the back seat," exclaimed Mr. Chug-gins.

"All right," sighed the patient wife. "But after that remark, don't expect me to smile sweetly and give sympathy when a traffic cop gets you."—Washington Star.

For the Rainy Day

Nicklepinch—if you spend so much time at golf you won't have anything laid aside for a rainy day.

Stymie—Won't, eh? My desk is crowded with work that I've put aside for a rainy day.

ARGUMENTS OF FORCE

"Did his arguments strike you with much force?"

"Sure did—he's got hard fists."

Word Magic

The orator is often sent To show mysterious tricks, And what appears as sentiment Proves only politics.

Idealism

"I always say my wife and I have now reached the ideal married state."

"What do you mean by the ideal married state?"

"Well, my wife no longer worries about the shape of my nose, and I no longer worry whether she does or not."

The Harmful Thing

The doctor told Mr. Meek not to stay out late at night.

"You think the night air is bad for me, doctor?"

"No," said the doctor, "it isn't that. It's the excitement after getting home that hurts you."—Tit-Bits.

Served Now, but Laid Then

I've never seen a musty hen, And never hope to see one; But from the eggs served now and then I know that there must be one.

Liked Good Cigars

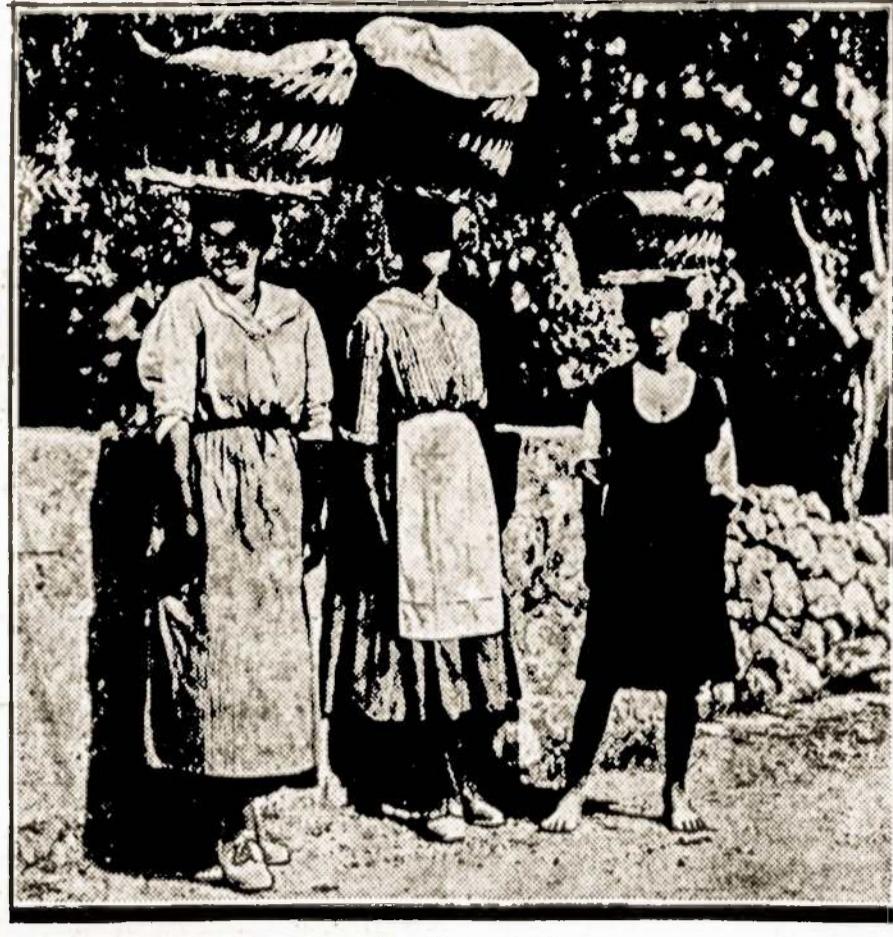
The Boss—Smoke cigars, Tompkins? Tompkins, the new bookkeeper—Yes, sir. I'm very partial to a good cigar.

The Boss—Umph—then I'll lock 'em up.

Drastic Measures

Kathryn—Do you think if I should marry Mr. Gaysport it would reform Yes, sir. I'm very partial to a good cigar?

Kitty—It might, but I don't think he's done anything bad enough to deserve that.

Jugoslavia's Coast**Dalmatian Peasant Women.**

(Prepared by the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.)

IF ONE enters Jugoslavia by rail at the northeast corner where Italy and Austria meet that country, his route follows the gray-green Sava eastward to Zagreb, the old Agram of Austro-Hungarian days. If one then turns westward toward Flume, the sharp detour crosses the panorama of Croatia's magnificently forested mountain country as the train climbs to the regional watershed before descending to the Adriatic.

The route holds its surprises. Imagine a mountain town halved by a rushing river which plunges 40 yards into a crevasse under the sidewalk and then, three miles farther on, pops up unexpectedly, to resume its surface course. Yet such fluvial features characterize not only Croatia, but the entirety of those barren highlands which extend southward behind the Jugoslav coast.

They form the so-called Karst region, which geologists have compared to a vast petrified sponge. Such are the tricks that time and rushing streams have played with the Karst's easily decomposed limestone. "Now you see us and now you don't!" gurgles in chorus a whole system of such jack-in-the-box rivers, as they plunge into the mountains' eastern flank, triumphantly reissuing, scores of miles westward, as feeders of estuaries or, in one case, as a fresh-water spring emerging from sea bottom.

Had some Marco Polo left us an account of the marvelous Land of Spongy Mountains, whose rivers cut through the bases of ranges 1,000 feet high, we might have dismissed him as a fabulist; yet in sober fact a Montenegrin river has performed that identical feat.

While descending through the indescribably sterile looking Karst, one puts to himself the question: "Why, in this desert, build those innumerable, circular stone walls to inclose at most a bit of grass?"

It is almost a matter of saying good-bye to Europe! It is small wonder that, with mountains barring the east and an archipelago barring the west, Jugoslavia has always been a debatable land of halfway house, where racially speaking, Europe and Asia meet.

Certainly, the more one sees of Dalmatia, the more one feels himself to be, while not exactly out of Europe, yet somehow among the fringes of the Orient.

Along the Illyrian Coast.

Now and then your boat touches port in some deep-set bay with its hill-perched townlets—often an almost streetless clump of vine-clad houses—which had dug its heels into the Velebit and held on while yet Venice was unheard of. Yet the specter of the lagoon republic, medieval Dalmatia's protestant, still haunts every nook and corner of the Jugoslav coast.

Small steamers wind through the narrow lagoonlike waters, known along the coast as "canals," which were once ruled by those petty potentates for whom, Croatian tradition asserts, mourning weeds have become perpetuated as a national costume.

As one sails along, now the Velebit range, its barren, slate-gray flanks queerly diagrammed with walled karst holes, thrusts menacingly forward, barring Croatia from the Adriatic. Occasionally there appear V-shaped valleys where some tiny, stucco port nestles among a luxuriance of trees, hedged gardens, and terraced vineyards. Such are the Velebit's always amazing oases, created by subterranean streams.

Probably no narrower stream than the Recina ever demanded so important a frontier. Its little, internationalized bridge, which is aptly symbolized by the hyphen in "Flume-Susak," can be crossed in less than one minute. You may dine in Italy and take strolls in Jugoslavia between courses. A baseball batter warming up across the Recina, with the pitcher in Jugoslavia and the catcher in Italy, the latter in Yugoslavia.

Just north of Zara (Zadar) one enters the waters of ancient Dalmatia. Ranging in width from 1 to 35 miles, this little sliver of a state enjoyed a well-developed coast which played its famous role in the sea commerce of the Middle Ages.

Dalmatia of to-day has an area of 4,916 square miles. The industries supporting her 650,000 people are cattle breeding, viticulture, cereal raising, and, of course, fishing.

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Gen. J. G. Harbord Sees a Threat to Our Nation's Place in British Merger.

The recent successful effort of the British to bring about consolidation of their cable and radio interests is a serious challenge to the radio supremacy of the United States, and of more importance to our country than oil or merchant marine at this moment, according to General J. G. Harbord, who was chief of staff of the A. E. F. and now is President of the Radio Corporation of America.

"Great Britain being the great cable-controlling power of our planet," General Harbord explained, "the combination there of cables and radio im-

perils American leadership more directly than that of any other country. The answer to this challenge cannot be made by private interests under our existing laws. It is for our people to decide whether they think it is worth making, and if so, to make it possible. It is a case where no action, or action much delayed is surrender; or even worse, aid and comfort to foreign against American industry."

Other Countries Alert
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"Communications play an important part in national defense," he continues. "This is especially true of radio, and with countries having distant possessions such as the Philippines, Alaska and Hawaii or Australia, Canada, South Africa and India."

Great Britain approached this problem with the seriousness its importance demanded, in the opinion of General Harbord, and on March 1st of last year, as a result, the principal communications rivals in Great Britain, the Eastern Telegraph Company, Limited, representing cables, and the Marconi company, radio, announced a merger in the form of a holding company. The government will have representation on the board of directors, which with the vote of either the cable or radio interest, will be controlling. The press approved this merger.

"This new combined British communications interest will affect American relationships in every part of the world," General Harbord asserts.

"There will hardly be a port or principal city on the planet which will not be reached by British communications.

American trade in every quarter of the globe cannot but be profoundly affected. The national defense of the United States must reckon with the planetary domination of communications by the British. Such is the result of the action of the farseeing British race under the lash which American progress in radio has applied—a wise old people which centuries ago underwent the diseases of national adolescence through which we still are passing. Her politicians abuse one another, as do our own, but as against the outside world Britain's policy changes little with the advent of one party or another on the political stage.

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"The time when Great Britain, France, Italy and Germany are uniting radio and cables seems to be the time taken by our country to keep them apart. What others unite to secure leadership in communications we divide. The long deliberations which preceded the consummation of the cables-radio merger in Great Britain saw in our country the enactment of

the White Act of 1927, which in plain terms forbids any purchase of radio by cables or vice versa. While this provision is understood to have been inserted under the minority lash in the last days of the drafting of the law, its purpose no doubt was to preserve the competition, in form at least, between the two methods of international communication—radio and cables.

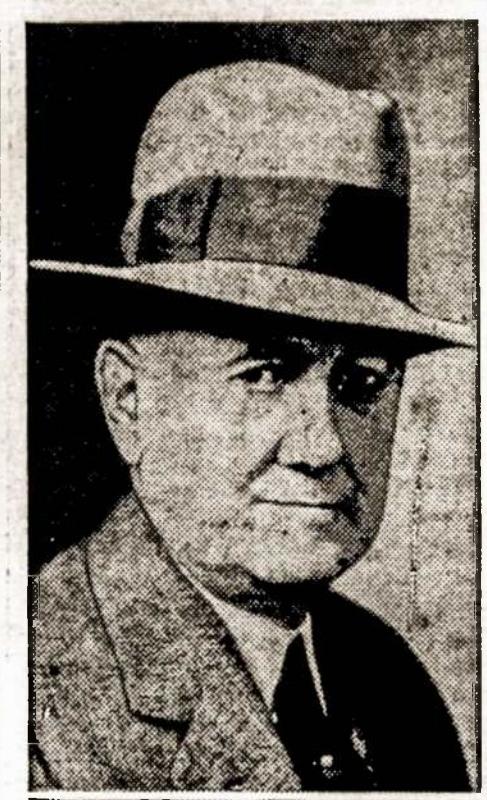
"Slitting between the hind legs of the British lion with the tail of that noble beast wrapped around his neck is a poor perch for the American eagle from which to recover lost leadership in world communications."

MEDAL TO OPERATOR 11,000 MILES AWAY

Malcolm P. Hanson, With Byrd
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One of the most striking methods of making an award of merit ever devised was the recent presentation of The Veteran Wireless Operators' Association medal in a speech by David Sarnoff in New York to Malcolm P. Hanson, radio operator with Byrd, listening by radio in the Antarctic wastes near the South Pole.

Mr. Sarnoff, Executive Vice-President of the Radio Corporation, praising Hanson, mentioned also the fortune of the wife of the operator, who had consented that her husband go on the hazardous expedition for the sake of science. After she had received the medal for safe keeping, Mrs. Hanson, deeply touched, spoke to her husband across the vast distance. Within a



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Mrs. Malcolm P. Hanson, Holding Medal Awarded to Her Husband, 11,000 Miles Away.

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6. What is the meaning of "Eureka?"

7. What is a flute?

8. What country has been struggling under a rebellion for some time?

9. What happened to Uncle Tom of Uncle Tom's Cabin?

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CAP AND BELLS**COSTLY APPROVAL**

Had gone into the library to put the thing up to her father and she was anxiously waiting on the front porch.

"Well," said the suitor when he returned, "he asked me how I was fixed and I told him I had \$3,000 in the bank."

"And what did he say to that?"

"He borrowed it."

HARD TO FIND

Willie—Daddy, will you buy me an X-ray machine?

Father—What in the world do you want with an X-ray machine?

Willie—to find "X" in my algebra!

Non-Efficiency

"We'll start a brand-new government!"

"Tis the plan that lurks In every time of discontent—

And yet it never works."

Obligation Admitted

"Are you willing to admit that you are dependent on your wife in your public career?"

"Perfectly willing," answered Senator Borghum. "I have no ear for music and I am compelled to depend on Mariah to nudge me so that I will be among the first to stand up when the band plays 'The Star-Spangled Banner.'—Washington Star.

Monolog Defined

"Pop, what's a monolog?"

"A monolog is a conversation between husband and wife."

"I thought that was a dialog."

"No, a dialog is where two persons are speaking."

Daddy's Tour

Willie—My mother goes to Europe every summer.

Mary—Where does your daddy go?

Willie—to the post office and the bank!

Not Separated From Money
Alice—I suppose you know Alice married money.

Ade—O, yes! They're separated now, aren't they?

"No; just she and her husband are separated."

WHAT SHE LOOKED FOR

Williams—"She boasts that she's not the kind of woman who's always looking for the latest wrinkle in clothes." Thompson—"True enough—she spends all her time looking for the latest wrinkle in her face."

Overwhelming Greatness
True greatness bids the smaller fry Be satisfied to win
A corner where they can "stand by"
And humbly "listen in."

From the Mouth of a Child
"Grandma, close your eyes once."
"Why, my child?"
"Because papa says, 'When grandma closes her eyes we'll get a big bag of money!'"

NEVER LOST

He—My college was founded in 1864.
She—I never even heard it was lost.

CHURCH, FRATERNAL AND OTHER NOTICES**TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

Appointments for week beginning January 5:

SUNDAY 10:30 a. m. Prayer.

10:45 a. m. Morning worship.

12:00 noon Sunday School.

7:00 p. m. Young People's Society.

8:00 p. m. Celebration of the Lord's Supper.

TUESDAY 3:00 p. m. Women's Bible Class at the home of Mrs. Beatie Symonds, Highland Avenue.

7:30 p. m. Week of Prayer Service with Mr. and Mrs. Patterson.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 p. m. Week of Prayer Service with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wright.

THURSDAY 3:45 p. m. Junior Christian Endeavor Society.

7:30 p. m. Week of Prayer Service at the Church.

FRIDAY 7:30 p. m. Boys' Brigade.

7:30 p. m. Week of Prayer Service with Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Smith.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITARIAN CHURCH

Charles Chambers Conner, Minister

SUNDAY 10:45 a. m. Service of worship, with theme, "The Opening of the Book." 12:00 a. m. Sunday school.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH SOUTH VERNON

Rev. George E. Tyler, Pastor

SUNDAY 10:45 a. m. Sermon by the pastor followed by the Lord's Supper.

12:05 p. m. Church School.

7:00 p. m. Evening Service.

TUESDAY Jan. 7, at 1:30 p. m. Annual business meeting of the Church.

THURSDAY 7:30 p. m. Mid-week meeting at the Home.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Mrs. Nelle A. Reid, Pastor

SUNDAY 10:30 A. M. Morning Worship.

11:30 A. M. Sunday School.

6:30 P. M. Class Meeting.

7:30 P. M. Evening Worship.

WEDNESDAY 3:00 P. M. Children's Meeting.

7:30 P. M. Prayer Meeting.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH (Roman Catholic)

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Sunday mass at 10:30 a. m. except on first Sunday of each month when it is at 8:30 a. m.

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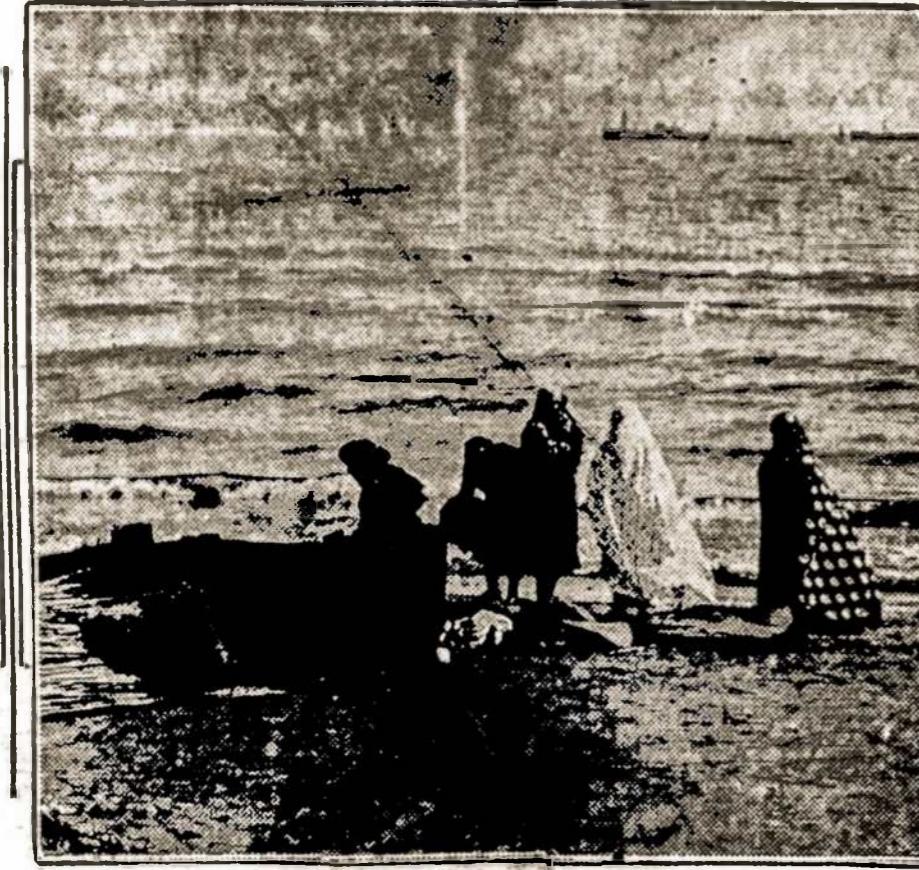
By Osborne



Felix Gets His Man



Two Strange Seas



Scene on the Shore of the Caspian Sea.

(Prepared by the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.)

THREE world's two most important and best known bodies of water that lie below sea level are the Dead sea and the Caspian sea. The Dead sea is really a gigantic sinkhole. In no other continent is there such a deep depression in the earth's crust; nor will one find greater desolation or more uncomfortable conditions for man and most other living things even in the hearts of the greatest deserts.

The Hebrew scriptures have thrown an atmosphere of tragedy about this country. There, the chronicle states, were situated the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, destroyed by the wrath of Jehovah; and there the modern reader sees the blasted region, seared by unbearable heat, with its bitter death dealing waters to prove the story to his satisfaction.

According to the Biblical narrative the Jordan valley and the plain near its mouth on the shores of the Dead sea where the destroyed cities lay shared the early good fortune of the Promised Land itself and "flowed with milk and honey." But an end was put to this pleasant condition by the rains of brimstone and fire.

The story of the region deciphered from its rocks by geologists begins much earlier than the days of the patriarchs whose actions are recorded in the Bible. This record seems to indicate that Palestine and the whole western end of Arabia rose from the sea a million or more years ago in what the geologists term the Tertiary era. Shortly after the rise, it seems, a great slice of the land parallel to the coast of the Mediterranean sank to great depth, forming the huge rift valley, "the Ghor," now occupied by the Jordan river and the Dead sea.

It is not clear whether there was a connecting channel between the Mediterranean and the great valley; but a well defined ancient beach indicates that in those remote times the great depression held a sea or lake at about the same level as that of the Mediterranean. The Jordan did not then exist; its entire valley as well as the sea of Galilee was swallowed up in the parent of the Dead sea, which was some 200 miles long and 10 to 15 miles wide.

Dead Sea Has No Outlet.
It is believed that the climate of Palestine in remote times was moist and that the great inland lake was for a while kept at its highest point. When drier conditions set in the lake began to shrink, eventually retreating into the present position of the Dead sea and exposing the valley now occupied by the Jordan. This is practically the only large river in the world which flows in a valley ready-made for it almost from source to mouth.

The Dead sea depression having no outlet, all the salts contained in the large original inland sea were retained, when evaporation reduced the volume of the body of water to its present dimensions. In addition, for hundreds of thousands of years the Jordan and the other streams and torrents that flow from the desert hills into the basin have been carrying in additional salts until now the waters of the Dead sea constitute one of the most highly concentrated natural brines in existence. It is estimated that on the average some six million tons of water flow into the Dead sea daily, and since the level of the sea changes but

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wide a range of species. The Caspian presents an intermingling of salt and fresh water forms. Before the World war the annual catch, including the seals of Krasnovodsk bay, was valued at more than five million dollars.

With an area equal to that of the state of California, or more than all the Great Lakes combined, the Caspian sea today occupies the deepest part of a great depression situated to the west and south of the Ural mountains. The northern or fresh water half is shallow, nowhere reaching a depth of more than 118 feet. The southern half, however, is cut by two deep depressions and soundings have reached 8,600 feet.

Coastal Strip Is Narrow.
Both the north and the east coasts are flat and hard to approach. Caucasus mountains on the west and the Elburz on the southern, or Persian, shore are close to the sea and leave only a narrow coastal strip. On this strip are most of the important cities of the region.

Taken as a whole the Caspian is not an attractive body of water. Its shores are as barren as the granite boulders of its bordering mountains. As there is no fresh water above or below the surface of the ground near the southern coasts, the inhabitants must bring drinking water from long distances or condense sea water.

One of the distinguishing features of towns along this part of the Caspian sea is the floating condenser plant, usually some worn-out steamship or sailing vessel. Sometimes it is carried in tank barges and then pedaled around the streets, as is milk in other cities.

Baku, the capital of the Soviet re-

public of Azerbaijan, is the largest city on the sea and the center of a

prosperous, busy oil region. Its surroundings are like those of the nitrate towns along the coast of Chile, only the settlements are more numerous and better built. Before the war Baku was one of the most important cities in the Russian empire.

Some Escaped
Mr. Jabba (in a graveyard)—All

these people buried here had their

troubles in life, Jane.

Mrs. Jabba—Oh, not all of them—

all of them weren't married, John.

SOON REACHED



He—Do you think woman will ever
reach man's estate?
She—Few have estates. When they
have, women soon reach them.

Mystification
A goat is a person grand
Who leaves my soul in doubt,
Because I cannot understand
All he's talkin' bout!

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